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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Riverbank Hydro No. 2 LLC
Lock Hydro Friends Fund XXXVI
Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corp.

Project Nos. 14130-000
14137-000
14149-000

NOTICE OF COMPETING PRELIMINARY PERMIT APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING AND SOLICITING COMMENTS, MOTIONS TO INTERVENE, AND COMPETING APPLICATIONS

On April 1, 2011, Riverbank Hydro No. 2 LLC (Riverbank) and Lock Hydro Friends Fund XXXVI (Lock Hydro) and on April 11, 2011, Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corp. (Arkansas Electric) filed preliminary permit applications, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of a hydropower project at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) Joe Hardin Lock & Dam No. 3, located on the Arkansas River in Lincoln and Jefferson Counties, Arkansas. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

Riverbank's Project No. 14130-000 would consist of: (1) a forebay; (2) an intake structure; (3) a powerhouse containing three generating units with a total capacity of 60 megawatts (MW); (4) a tailrace structure; and (5) a 21-mile-long, 69 kilo-volt (kV) transmission line. The project would have an estimated average annual generation of 142.0 gigawatt-hours (GWh), and operate run-of-river utilizing surplus water from the Joe Hardin Lock & Dam No. 3, as directed by the Corps.

Applicant Contact: Mr. Kuo-Bao Tong, Riverbank Power Corporation, Royal Bank Plaza, South Tower, P.O. Box 166, 200 Bay Street, Suite 3230, Toronto, ON, Canada M5J2J4. (416) 861-0092 x 154.

Lock Hydro's Project No. 14137-000 would consist of: (1) two lock frame modules, each frame module will be 109-feet long, 40-feet-high and contain ten generating units with a total combined capacity of 28.0 MW; (2) a new switchyard containing a transformer; and (3) a proposed 7.0-mile-long, 115 kV transmission line to an existing distribution line. The proposed project would have an average annual generation of 196.358 GWh, and operate run-of-river utilizing surplus water from the Joe Hardin Lock & Dam No. 3, as directed by the Corps.

Applicant Contact: Mr. Wayne F. Krouse, Hydro Green Energy, 5090 Richmond Avenue #390, Houston, TX 77056. (877) 556-6566 x 709.

Arkansas Electric's Project No. 14149-000 would consist of: (1) an 800-foot-long, 350-foot-wide headrace channel; (2) a powerhouse, located on the right abutment of the dam, containing four generating units with a total capacity of 48.0 MW; (3) a 900-foot-long tailrace; and (4) a proposed 5.0-mile-long, 115 kilo-volt (kV) transmission line to an existing distribution line. The proposed project would have an average annual generation of 155.0 GWh, and operate run-of-river utilizing surplus water from the Joe Hardin Lock & Dam No. 3, as directed by the Corps.

Applicant Contact: Mr. Jonathan Oliver, Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corp., One Cooperative Way, Little Rock, AR 72209. (501) 570-2488.

FERC Contact: Michael Spencer, michael.spencer@ferc.gov, (202) 502-6093.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's website <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-14130-000, P-14137-000 or P-14149-000) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: October 25, 2011

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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